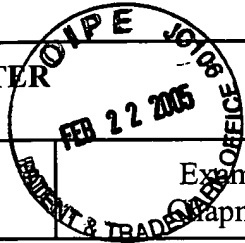


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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER
Under Small Entity Status**

Attorney Docket No:
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10/091,659

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Examiner:
Capman, J.

Art Unit:
3635

Invention: COUNTERTOP ASSEMBLY AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE THEREOF

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	40	MINUS	40	0	\$25.00	\$0
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	4	0	\$100.00	\$0

____ Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of
____ to and through _____, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:

____ one month (\$60.00) ____ three months (\$510.00)
____ two months (\$225.00) ____ four months (\$795.00)

____ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-0083

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT

0.00

____ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

____ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

____ A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached.

____ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account _____.

X The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee(s) or underpayment of fee(s), or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0083

X No additional fee is required.

2-18-05
Date

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AMENDMENT "E"

In response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2004, the Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the following amendments.